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INTERCONTINENTAL, PARIS, JANUARY 29, 2:45 P.M.

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF VICE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT AT
PRESS CONFERENCE AND QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:
2. MR. EISELE: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE VICE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. YOU HAVE APPROXIMATELY
A HALF AN HOUR, AND MAY I REMIND YOU, THOSE OF YOU WHO
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ARE TRAVELING ON WITH US TO TOKYO, YOU HAVE ABOUT AN
HOUR AND A HALF FILING TIME.

3. VP MONDALE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE JUST COMPLETED
A VERY USEFUL AND PRODUCTIVE CONFERENCE WITH PRESIDENT
GISCARD, PRIME MINISTER BARRE, THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND
THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ELYSEE. I BROUGHT TO THE

PRESIDENT THE BEST WISHES OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, MR. CARTER. WE DISCUSSED SEVERAL COMMON CONCERNS, AMONG THEM THE GENERAL ECONOMIC PICTURE IN THE WORLD. WE DESCRIBED IN SOME DETAIL THE ECONOMIC PACKAGE JUST INTRODUCED BY PRESIDENT CARTER TO STIMULATE THE ECONOMY OF THE UNITED STATES, AND TO DO SO IN A WAY THAT WOULD BRING INCREASED TRADE OPPORTUNITIES AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES FOR EMPLOYMENT FOR ECONOMIES AROUND THE WORLD. WE DISCUSSED THE UPCOMING SUMMIT, INCLUDING SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING LOCATION, AGENDA AND TIMING. WE WE DISCUSSED THE MIDDLE EAST. AS YOU KNOW, PRESIDENT GISCARD HAS JUST RETURNED FROM A VISIT TO THE MIDDLE EAST, WHERE HE HAS TALKED TO LEADERS OF SOME OF THOSE NATIONS, AND HE WAS ABLE TO GIVE US A CURRENT BRIEFING OF HIS ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION THERE. WE DISCUSSED BRIEFLY SECURITY MATTERS. I REVIEWED FOR HIM THE COMMENTS THAT WE HAD MADE EARLIER THIS WEEK IN BRUSSELS BEFORE THE NATO COUNCIL. WE DISCUSSED NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES AND THEIR CONCERN, WHICH WE SHARE, THAT THERE BE MEANINGFUL TALKS IN THE CIEC CONFERENCE AND ELSEWHERE LEADING TO A MORE FRUITFUL DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE DEVELOPED NATIONS AND THE OTHER NATIONS OF THE WORLD. THEY SHOWED GREAT INTEREST IN OUR UPCOMING ENERGY PROGRAMS, AND I WAS ABLE TO REPORT THAT THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARING TO ESTABLISH A DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY UNDER THE SECRETARYSHIP OF MR. SCHLESINGER, AND THAT WE WERE GOING TO ACCELERATE THE RATE OF THE ACCUMULATION OF OIL STOCKPILES UNDER OUR NEW PROGRAM. THAT WE INTENDED TO HAVE A MORE FAR-REACHING - A SUBSTANTIALLY MORE FAR-UNCLASSIFIED

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REACHING - PROGRAM FOR ENERGY CONSERVATION AND ENERGY PRODUCTION, AND THAT WE HOPED TO SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE THE EXTENT OF COOPERATION IN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ON AN INTERNATIONAL BASIS OF ALL ASPECTS OF THE ENERGY PROBLEM. WE DISCUSSED THE PROBLEM OF TERRORISM AND THE THREAT IT POSES TO ALL COUNTRIES. WE RAISED THAT ISSUE IN A CONSTRUCTIVE SPIRIT AND EXCHANGED VIEWS. WE POINTED OUT THAT OUR MOST RECENT CONCERNS WERE BASED NOT ONLY ON OUR BROAD CONCERN FOR THE PROBLEM OF TERRORISM BUT ALSO BECAUSE ONE OF OUR AMBASSADORS WAS KILLED IN AN EFFORT BY THE BLACK SEPTEMBER ORGANIZATION TO FREE THIS INDIVIDUAL FROM JAIL IN THE MIDDLE EAST. WE DISCUSSED STRATEGIC ISSUES, AND I POINTED OUT THAT THE PRESIDENT'S RECENT STATEMENTS CONCERNING THE ELIMINATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN REPEATED PLEDGES THAT HE HAD MADE DURING THE CAMPAIGN, THAT THEY REPRESENT LONG-TERM OBJECTIVES OF THE UNITED STATES AND DO NOT REFLECT A CHANGE IN OUR STRATEGY OF DETERRENCE. THEY ARE NOT AIMED AT ANY COUNTRY AND ONE

OF THE PURPOSES OF MY CONSULTATION HERE SO SOON AFTER
COMING INTO OFFICE IS TO CONSULT WITH FRANCE AND OUR
OTHER ALLIES ABOUT THE IMPLICATIONS OF MOVING IN THIS
DIRECTION, AND HOW THESE MIGHT AFFECT THEIR CONCERNS AND

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INTERESTS. WE ALSO MENTIONED THE PRESIDENT'S CONCERN
FOR RESTRICTING AND REDUCING THE LEVEL OF SALE OF CON-
VENTIONAL ARMAMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE, AN OBJECTIVE
WHICH THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT SHARES. MR. GISCARD RAISED
THE ISSUE OF THE CONCORDE AND GAVE US THEIR VIEW OF
CONCORDE LANDING AT KENNEDY AIRPORT. WE INDICATED OUR
SENSITIVITY TO THEIR CONCERNS, AND I WILL BE CONVEYING
HIS MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. I
POINTED OUT THAT THIS MATTER IS NOW CURRENTLY BEFORE THE
COURTS IN NEW YORK, WITH A DECISION EXPECTED SOMETIME IN
THE NEAR FUTURE. AS YOU KNOW, THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION
HAS REAFFIRMED ITS INTENTION TO CONTINUE WITH THE FULL
TRIAL PERIOD FOR THE CONCORDE AT DULLES AIRPORT. WITHIN

A FEW HOURS WE WILL BE LEAVING FOR ICELAND, WHERE WE WILL
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BE MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER HALLGRIMSSON, AND THEN
FOR JAPAN WHERE WE WILL BE MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER
FUKUDA, AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT.
THERE WE WILL BE TALKING ABOUT MANY OF THE SAME CON-
CERNS WHICH HAVE BEEN CENTRAL TO THE DISCUSSIONS WITH
THE LEADERS OF WESTERN EUROPE. I THINK WE CAN SAY AT
THIS POINT THAT THE TRIP HAS BEEN EXTREMELY WELL-
RECEIVED. I AM VERY, VERY PLEASED BY THE OUTCOME OF OUR
TALKS. THE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS THAT EXIST SIMPLY
COULD NOT BE BETTER THAN THEY ARE TODAY. WE ESTABLISHED
BEYOND ANY DOUBT A FULL DESIRE ON ALL SIDES TO CONTINUE
THE FULLEST POSSIBLE CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION ALONG
THE AGENDA WHICH WE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING. WE HAVE GONE
FAR TOWARD DEVELOPING A CONSENSUS ON THE KEY MATTERS
THAT WILL BE INVOLVED AT THE SUMMIT, AND WE HAVE COM-
MENCED A CRUCIAL PREPARATORY WORK THAT IS A PRE-CONDITION
OF A SUCCESSFUL SUMMIT BY OUR VISITS TO THE VARIOUS
MULTI-LATERAL INSTITUTIONS IN EUROPE: NATO, EC AND THE
OECD. WE HAVE HELPED EXPRESS AND DRAMATIZE THE INTEREST
OF OUR NATION IN THE CLOSEST POSSIBLE COOPERATION WITH
THOSE MULTI-LATERAL INSTITUTIONS. I THINK THE DIALOGUE
AND THE UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING ECONOMIC PROBLEMS - OUR
VIEW OF THOSE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, THE NEED FOR STIMULATION
ON THE PART OF THE STRONGER ECONOMIES, THE NEED FOR THE
CLOSEST POSSIBLE COOPERATION IN ORDER TO DEAL WITH THE
COMBINED PROBLEMS OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND INFLATION HAVE
BEEN MOVED ALONG VERY SUCCESSFULLY. OUR VIEW AND THEIRS
THAT THE MULTI-LATERAL TRADE TALKS SHOULD BE RESUMED AT
A HIGHER LEVEL OF PROGRESS HAS BEEN WELL RECEIVED BY ALL
PARTIES. WE WERE PARTICULARLY APPRECIATIVE OF THE
FRENCH STATEMENT ON NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION OF A FEW WEEKS
AGO WHICH WE CONSIDER TO BE A VERY HELPFUL CONTRIBUTION
TO THE SERIOUS PROBLEM OF CONTROLLING NUCLEAR FUEL THAT
IS OF WEAPONS-GRADE QUALITY. WE THINK THAT THE PROGRESS
ON UNDERSTANDING THE AMERICAN POSITION, AND THUS CO-
OPERATING ON THE SECURITY CONCERN THROUGH NATO IN
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WESTERN EUROPE, HAS NOW BEEN VERY WELL ADVANCED, AND
GREAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE THERE. AND, IN SHORT, THE
DIALOGUE AND THE RELATIONSHIPS CRUCIAL TO THAT DIALOGUE
ON THE CENTRAL ISSUES AFFECTING ALL OF OUR NATIONS HAS
NOW BEEN ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS AND THE

MULTI-LATERAL INSTITUTIONS WE VISITED IN EUROPE AND OUR NEW GOVERNMENT IN THE UNITED STATES, AND FOR ALL OF THESE REASONS WE BELIEVE THAT THIS TRIP HAS BEEN A SUCCESS AND WE ARE NOW ON A SOUND BASIS FOR PROGRESS.

4. Q. MR. VICE PRESIDENT, CAN YOU TELL US WHAT AGREEMENT WAS REACHED, IF ANY, WITH THE FRENCH CONCERNING SALE OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS AND CONVENTIONAL ARMS?

A. WE DISCUSSED BOTH MATTERS, NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION AND THE SALE OF CONVENTIONAL ARMAMENTS. AS YOU KNOW, WE ARE VERY, VERY INTERESTED IN TRYING TO PREVENT THE DISTRIBUTION OF TECHNOLOGY THAT WOULD PERMIT THE RE-PROCESSING AND ENRICHMENT OF NUCLEAR FUEL UP TO WEAPON-GRADE QUALITY. AND AS YOU MAY KNOW, THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT RECENTLY HAS MADE A STATEMENT THAT IS VERY HELPFUL ALONG THESE LINES. NOW, THERE IS AN ON-GOING ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE AND PAKISTAN WHICH HAS BEEN DISCUSSED EARLIER. SOME OF THOSE MATTERS ARE OF SUCH SENSITIVITY THAT I CANNOT GO BEYOND WHAT I HAVE JUST SAID. ON CONVENTIONAL ARMAMENTS, WE INDICATED THAT THE UNITED STATES FEELS A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY TO LEAD AND ACT IN THE FIELD OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS SALES, BECAUSE, REGRETABLELY, AT THIS POINT IT IS THE UNITED STATES THAT IS THE LARGEST SALESMAN OF ARMS IN THE WORLD, AND THAT WE WOULD EXPECT TO DO OUR PART; THAT WE WOULD HOPE TO COMMENCE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE OTHER ARMS PRODUCERS OF THE WORLD TO SEE WHAT WE COULD DO TO REDUCE THE LEVEL OF SALE OF SUCH ARMAMENTS. WE RECEIVED A WARM RESPONSE TO

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THIS SUGGESTION OF TALKS, AND, OF COURSE, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT WE MUST ALSO MAKE STRONG REPRESENTATIONS TO THE SOVIET UNION ON THAT SAME ISSUE LEST THERE BE SUBSTITUTION. SO THERE IS A GENERAL CONSENSUS THAT PROGRESS IS NEEDED IN THIS AREA, AND NOW THE TALKS CAN BEGIN TOWARD THAT OBJECTIVE.

5. Q. MR. VICE PRESIDENT, YOU WERE REPORTED AS BEING A MEMBER OF THE JANUARY 12 MEETING WHEN PRESIDENT CARTER ASKED FOR STUDIES TOWARD A REDUCTION OF THE U.S. STRATEGIC NUCLEAR ARSENAL DOWN TO 200-250 INTERCONTINENTAL MISSILES. IS THAT TRUE, AND DOES THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION FAVOR SUCH A PROGRAM?

A. THE STORY WAS COMPLETELY MISLEADING. THE UNITED UNCLASSIFIED

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STATES, OF COURSE, WISHES TO REDUCE THE LEVELS OF STRATEGIC WEAPONRY IN THIS WORLD. ANY PERSON WHO IS INTERESTED IN THE SURVIVAL OF MANKIND MUST ENTHUSIASTICALLY SHARE THAT OBJECTIVE, AND WE HOPE THAT SOMETIME SOON WE CAN BEGIN TO MAKE PROGRESS WITH THE SOVIET UNION, WHICH HAS LONG BEEN DELAYED, SINCE THE VLADIVOSTOK TALKS, TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THE LEVELS OF STRATEGIC ARMAMENT BOTH IN TERMS OF MISSILES AND IN TERMS OF DELIVERABLE WARHEADS AND PERHAPS OTHER MATTERS AS WELL. AND THEN WE CAN GO BEYOND THAT TO REDUCE THOSE LEVELS EVEN FURTHER AND TO DEAL WITH MATTERS OF TESTING AND NEW TECHNOLOGY AND ALL THE OTHER ELEMENTS THAT ARE CRUCIAL TO A MEANINGFUL RESTRAINT AND REDUCTION IN NUCLEAR WEAPONRY. WE ARE QUITE AWARE, VERY AWARE, OF THE SENSITIVITY OF THESE EFFORTS TO WESTERN EUROPE, AND IN ALL INSTANCES WILL CONSULT MOST CLOSELY WITH OUR WESTERN ALLIES, WITH NATO, AS WE PROCEED SO THAT NO STEP IS TAKEN THAT IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE SECURITY OF WESTERN EUROPE.

6. Q. MR. VICE PRESIDENT, CAN YOU TELL US SPECIFICALLY WHAT YOU HAD TO SAY ABOUT THE ABOU DAOUD AFFAIR (REST OF QUESTION INAUDIBLE)?

A. I DON'T WISH TO GO BEYOND THE STATEMENT THAT I HAVE MADE. THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT SHARES WITH US THE CONCERN

FOR TERRORISM, THE NEED TO DEAL WITH TERRORISM, BUT I DO NOT FEEL THAT I CAN GO BEYOND THE STATEMENT THAT I MADE.

7. Q. MR. VICE PRESIDENT, WHY DID YOU COME SO QUICKLY AND EARLY TO EUROPE?

A. FOR SEVERAL REASONS. FIRST OF ALL, THERE ARE MANY PROBLEMS THAT FACE THE WORLD AND WESTERN EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES TOGETHER THAT DO NOT RESPECT THE TIMING OF OUR RESPECTIVE CONSTITUTIONS AND LAWS IN TERMS OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE. AND THE QUICKER WE CAN BEGIN TO WORK ON THOSE PROBLEMS AND UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER AND UNCLASSIFIED

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DEVELOP A COOPERATIVE APPROACH TO THE SOLUTION OF THOSE PROBLEMS, THE BETTER. SECONDLY, WE WANTED TO DEMONSTRATE IMMEDIATELY AND DRAMATICALLY THE VERY HIGH PRIORITY THAT PRESIDENT CARTER AND THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT PLACES ON WORKING COOPERATIVELY AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL WITH OUR TRADITIONAL FRIENDS AND ALLIES IN WESTERN EUROPE AND JAPAN. FOR BOTH REASONS WE THOUGHT IT APPROPRIATE THAT THIS TRIP BEGIN WITHIN HOURS AFTER ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, WHICH IS WHAT WE HAVE DONE. AND IF I MAY SAY SO, I THINK THAT OUR JUDGMENT ON THAT HAS BEEN CONFIRMED THROUGHOUT THIS TRIP. I THINK THE FACT THAT WE CAME EARLY AND IMMEDIATELY HAS DONE MUCH TO REASSURE OUR TRADITIONAL ALLIES AND FRIENDS AS TO OUR COMMITMENT TO THAT DIALOGUE, TO THAT PROCESS, AND HAS HELPED REASSURE THEM AS TO THE HIGH PLACE THAT WE ACCORD TO THEM AND THEIR CONCERNS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR OWN POLICY AND OUR CONCERNS IN THE SENSE OF INTERDEPENDENCE THAT EXISTS AMONG ALL OF US. AND WE THINK THAT THE VERY FACT THAT THE TRIP WAS TAKEN EARLY HAS BEEN HELPFUL.

8. Q. MR. VICE PRESIDENT, ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH THE FRENCH POSITION ON THE PAKISTAN NUCLEAR CONTRACT?

A. I AM VERY ENCOURAGED BY THE FORTHCOMING STATEMENT WHICH THE FRENCH ISSUED A FEW WEEKS AGO, I FORGET THE EXACT DATE, ON THE ISSUE OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION. WE REPRESENTED TO PRESIDENT GISCARD OUR POSITION, WHICH HAS BEEN REPEATED SEVERAL TIMES, IN WHICH WE EXPRESSED OUR FEARS ABOUT THE DANGERS OF THE PROLIFERATION OF TECHNOLOGY WHICH CAN PRODUCE WEAPONS-GRADE MATERIAL. WE HAD VERY FINE TALKS ON THAT ISSUE, BUT BECAUSE OF THE SENSITIVITY OF IT I DO NOT FEEL I CAN GO BEYOND THAT

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WHICH I HAVE NOW SAID.

8. Q. MR. VICE PRESIDENT . QUESTION INAUDIBLE BUT ABOUT
GERMANY.

A. YES, THERE WILL BE TALKS ABOUT THIS MATTER WITH THE
FRENCH.

9. Q. MR. VICE PRESIDENT, COULD YOU GIVE US, PLEASE,
MORE DETAILS ABOUT YOUR TALKS WITH THE FRENCH LEADER AND
THE EUROPEAN LEADERS ABOUT THE MIDDLE EAST? AND WHAT
IS THE POSITION OF AMERICA NOW?

A. I CANNOT GO BEYOND WHAT I HAVE SAID EXCEPT TO
ADD THAT IN ADDITION TO THE RECENT VISIT BY PRESIDENT
GISCARD TO THE MIDDLE EAST, FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER OF
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GERMANY WILL ALSO BE MAKING A VISIT, AND ON THE 14TH OF

FEBRUARY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. VANCE, WILL ALSO BE VISITING THE MIDDLE EAST AND FOLLOWING THAT THERE WILL BE A FURTHER STATEMENT.

10. Q. MR. VICE PRESIDENT, DID YOU GET ANY INDICATION FROM THE FRENCH WHAT THEIR REACTIONS MIGHT BE IF THE CONCORDE IS NOT ALLOWED TO LAND IN NEW YORK?

A. PRESIDENT GISCARD MADE IT VERY CLEAR THAT THEY STRONGLY HOPED THAT APPROVAL FOR THE LANDING OF THE CONCORDE AT NEW YORK WOULD BE GRANTED. THIS WAS AN ISSUE THAT HE BROUGHT UP AND MADE IN VERY STRONG TERMS.

11.Q. MR. VICE PRESIDENT, COULD YOU TALK ABOUT THE SITUATION IN AFRICA, MAINLY ABOUT THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM?

A. WE DISCUSSED THAT VERY BRIEFLY. YOU UNDERSTAND THAT THERE WERE MANY MATTERS ON OUR AGENDA. IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO DISCUSS ALL IN DETAIL. WE DID DISCUSS THE ISSUE VERY, VERY BRIEFLY. THE MATTER OF THE SITUATION IN RHODESIA WAS MUCH AT THE CENTER OF OUR TALKS IN LONDON THE OTHER DAY BECAUSE OF THE RICHARDS' INITIATIVE AND THE INITIATIVE OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IN THOSE NEGOTIATIONS. AND SO I CANNOT REPORT ANYTHING FURTHER IN THESE TALKS EXCEPT THAT IT WAS BRIEFLY MENTIONED WITH OUR HOPE FOR SOME KIND OF SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION.

12. Q. WHEN YOU SAY THAT MR. GISCARD GAVE YOU A WARM RESPONSE ON THE SALE OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS, CAN YOU QUALIFY THAT A BIT, I MEAN, DID HE SAY THAT THEY WOULD ABSOLUTELY LIMIT THE SALES, OR WHAT?

A. WE WERE NOT AT THAT POINT. WE WERE TALKING ABOUT, FIRST OF ALL, THE U.S. CONCERN THAT THE LEVEL OF CONVENTIONAL SALES IN THE WORLD HAS REALLY REACHED DISGRACEFUL PROPORTIONS AND WAS ROBBING NATIONS OF CRUCIAL AND LIMITED RESOURCES THAT THOSE NATIONS NEEDED FOR FAR MORE PRESSING PROBLEMS. AND IT WOULD BE FAR BETTER IF UNCLASSIFIED

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THE NATIONS COULD BRING HELP IN THE FORMS OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, FOOD, FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR INFRASTRUCTURE, FOR ESSENTIAL CREDIT, FOR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, THAN THAT THESE SAME CREDITS AND MORE SHOULD OFTEN BE ABSORBED IN THE WEAPONS OF WAR WHICH ALSO TEND TO, AND OFTEN DO, RESULT IN NEEDLESS AND TRAGIC MILITARY OPERATIONS. PRESIDENT GISCARD COMPLETELY AGREED. THERE ARE MANY COMPLEXITIES TO SOLVING THE PROBLEM OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS SALES, BECAUSE IN ORDER TO BE EFFECTIVE, THERE HAS TO BE A MUTUAL MULTI-LATERAL APPROACH. OTHERWISE THEY SIMPLY SUBSTITUTE THE WEAPONS, VERY OFTEN, OF ONE COUNTRY FOR THOSE OF ANOTHER. AND SO IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE DEAL COOPERATIVELY ON THAT, AND IT IS ALSO

IMPORTANT, IF POSSIBLE, THAT THE SOVIET UNION COOPERATES TO THE SAME END. WE HAVE AGREED TO CARRY ON DISCUSSIONS TOWARD THAT END BECAUSE WE ALL AGREE THAT THE PRESENT TREND IS A COSTLY ONE.

13. Q. DOES PRESIDENT GISCARD SEEM PREPARED TO EXTEND THE SUMMIT TALKS TO POLITICAL MATTERS INSTEAD OF JUST ECONOMIC MATTERS?

A. WELL, HE REFERRED TO THE SUMMIT AS THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT. WE SEE IT AS PRIMARILY AN INSTITUTION TO DISCUSS THE SPECIAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS WHICH FACE US. I INDICATED TO HIM THAT THERE MAY BE POLITICAL MATTERS AS WELL ON THE AGENDA, AND HE HEARD THAT POINT, BUT HE DID NOT GO FURTHER.

14. QUESTION IN FRENCH NOT CLEAR.

A. WELL, I'M VERY GLAD YOU ASKED THAT QUESTION IN FRENCH, BECAUSE I'VE WANTED TO TALK ABOUT MY PROGRAM FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT (LAUGHTER) - DON'T ANSWER THAT. I HAVE TROUBLE WITH ENGLISH TOO. THE QUESTION APPARENTLY IS HOW CAN I LOOK SO HANDSOME AND VITAL AFTER THESE

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LONG TRIPS, AND IT'S THE NOBILITY OF MY IDEALS THAT
SHINE FORTH, AND THAT'S YOUR LEAD FOR TOMORROW.
(LAUGHTER).

A. THAT PARTICULAR REPORT WAS NOT DISCUSSED TODAY. WE
VIEW THE SOVIET BUILDUP IN ARMAMENTS IN EASTERN EUROPE
AS A DISQUIETING TREND AND WE SAID SO. WE DO NOT,
HOWEVER, LOOK UPON IT WITH DESPAIR. WE THINK WHAT
IS NEEDED IS THAT THE NATO ALLIANCE LOOK UPON THE
CHALLENGE, MEET THE CHALLENGE. WE MADE IT CLEAR IN MY
REMARKS THE OTHER DAY THAT WE ARE WILLING TO CONTRIBUTE
OUR SHARE OF SUBSTANCE TO THE MEETING OF THAT CHALLENGE.
THAT THERE ARE REFORMS NEEDED IN NATO THAT HAVE BEEN
TALKED ABOUT FOR A LONG TIME IN TERMS OF STANDARDIZATION
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STOCKS, SUCH ARCANE WORDS AS INTEROPERABILITY AND OTHER
CHANGES THAT ARE NEEDED TO IMPROVE THE COMBAT EFFECTIVE-
NESS AND THUS THE DETERRENT OF NATO, AND WE INTEND TO
CONTINUE TO WORK WITH OUR ALLIES TOWARD THAT OBJECTIVE.
THAT IS HOW WE VIEW THE MATTER OF THE SECURITY INTEREST
OF OUR WESTERN ALLIANCE THROUGH NATO.

15.Q. INAUDIBLE (CONCERNED WESTERN AIRLINES REFUSAL TO
BUY FRENCH AIRBUS. IS THIS BOYCOTT OF FRENCH
PRODUCTS?

A. THAT HAS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO DO WITH IT. ONE OF
THE THINGS I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT WHICH I DON'T
THINK IS GENERALLY KNOWN IN MANY PARTS OF THE
WORLD IS THAT UNLIKE MOST COUNTRIES THE AIRLINES IN THE
UNITED STATES ARE PRIVATELY OWNED. THERE ISN'T ANY
GOVERNMENT STOCK OWNERSHIP. THE GOVERNMENT REGULATES
SCHEDULES AND RATES BUT NOT OWNERSHIP AND NOT PURCHASE
DECISIONS OR CREDIT. THAT IS ENTIRELY PRIVATE. THE
DECISION BY WESTERN AIRLINES ON THE FRENCH AIRBUS WAS
MADE SINCE I DEPARTED SO I AM NOT THAT FAMILIAR AS TO
WHAT REASONS THEY GIVE FOR THE DECISION. BUT I CAN
ASSURE THE FRENCH PUBLIC AND ANYONE ELSE THST IT HAD
ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO DO WITH POLITICAL MATTERS.

16. Q. MR. VICE PRESIDENT, WHEN HE WAS IN SAUDI ARABIA THE OTHER DAY, MR. GISCARD SAID THAT FRANCE AND THE SAUDI ARABIANS HAD AGREED ON A DIFFERENT PROCEDURE OR A DIFFERENT APPROACH, FOR MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH WOULD CONSIST IN BILATERAL DIPLOMACY, TRYING TO PREPARE THE SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES AND PUTTING OFF A GENEVA CONFERENCE UNTIL THEY HAD A PRETTY GOOD BASIS TO BE SURE IT WOULD SUCCEED. MR. GISCARD SAID HE WOULD TAKE THAT UP WITH YOU DURING YOUR VISIT HERE. DID HE DO SO, AND WHAT IS YOUR REACTION?

A. HE DID SO VERY BRIEFLY AND I AM CARRYING THAT MESSAGE BACK TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. I UNCLASSIFIED

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DID NOT RESPOND MYSELF BECAUSE I HAVE NOT YET HAD A CHANCE TO TALK TO PRESIDENT CARTER ABOUT THAT SUGGESTION FOR THE MODALITIES.

17. Q. THE QUESTION OF MY FRENCH COLLEAGUE WAS: DID YOU READ THE TEXT OF THE PENTAGON REPORT ADDING LIBYA TO THE LIST OF ENEMIES OF THE UNITED STATES?

A. I AM NOT FAMILIAR WITH THAT. I READ IT BRIEFLY IN THE PAPER SO I WILL PASS UNTIL I HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO BECOME ADVISED ON THAT.

18. Q. ON YOUR FINAL STOP IN JAPAN, WE UNDERSTAND THAT YOU ARE GOING TO DISCUSS AMERICAN TROOPS IN SOUTH KOREA. WILL THAT BE THE MAIN AGENDA IN JAPAN? WHAT IS YOUR POSITION ABOUT AMERICAN TROOPS IN SOUTH KOREA?

A. I MUST POINT OUT THAT WE ARE ALSO VISITING ICELAND AND THE PRIME MINISTER OF ICELAND WILL BE ON OUR LIST. THEN WE ARE GOING TO TOKYO. IN TOKYO I EXPECT TO DISCUSS A FULL RANGE OF ISSUES. ECONOMICS, OF COURSE, MTN, SECURITY MATTERS, SOUTH KOREA, AMERICAN GROUND FORCES IN SOUTH KOREA AND OUR POSITION WILL BE THE SAME AS THAT REPEATEDLY EXPRESSED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES WHICH IS THAT WITH RESPECT TO WITHDRAWAL OF GROUND TROOPS FROM SOUTH KOREA, THAT IS U. S. GROUND TROOPS, WE WILL ONLY DO SO IN THE CLOSEST CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF JAPAN AND SOUTH KOREA AND THAT THERE ARE OTHER ELEMENTS IN THERE AS WELL. BUT THE POSITION IN PRIVATE WILL BE THE SAME AS THAT EXPRESSED IN PUBLIC.

THANK YOU.

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